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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 19 April 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Gen. Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory,
Col. White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [redacted],
Sheldon, [redacted]

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Mr. Dulles:

a) Noted that he felt it would be wise in replies to Congressional letters regarding recommendations for employment with CIA that a statement be included to the effect that we are making a real effort to reduce our personnel strength. ACTION: IG 25X1

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He mentioned that consideration should be given to the purchase of helicopters by CAT and asked DDCI to look into this.

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c) Commented he was disappointed in the briefing given the OCB on the operation of the [redacted] and asked [redacted] to find out why it had been so poorly prepared, and why the briefer did not use graphic illustrations. In this regard he said he had been informed that there was an excellent movie on this training program. The Director made it clear that there have been too many instances recently where we have not been at our best on briefings and in particular had made little or no use of aides on hand. 25X1

d) Noted he saw no reason why CIA cables containing straight intelligence and/or political-type information could not be reproduced in such a form so as to be immediately disseminated to consumer agencies without going through the work and time involved in retyping such messages. For example, he noted State and Defense Department's practice of disseminating copies of actual messages as received. [redacted] pointed out that we have the problem of protecting our sources. The Director said that nevertheless he was still concerned about the amount of work involved in redoing these messages and in particular the time consumed during crisis situations

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in disseminating information to our customers. ACTION: DD/P - 5/2/52
to make a time study of dissemination of information received by cable using the current Middle East situation as the basis for the report. Mr. Kirkpatrick commented it would also be important to learn how long it takes information to reach the top levels in consumer agencies once it has reached them, noting that this problem is of concern to the Killian Committee. He said this might well be discussed at an early IAC meeting.

e) Noted he was caught short yesterday as a result of a call from General Goodpaster who was seeking information on a call he had received with respect to an [redacted] and asked what could be done to prevent a recurrence. Mr. Sheldon explained that the Alert in question was an internal NSA matter and noted that a full definition of an [redacted] had been given General Goodpaster's assistant who had apparently failed to pass it on. Mr. Sheldon briefly discussed the various types of NSA technical alerts and said that the internal CIA SOP for notification of such alerts is as follows: 1) Gen. Cabell as Chairman of the Watch Committee; 2) General Goodpaster (at his request); 3) DD/I; 4) DCI. General Cabell stated he felt that General Goodpaster should not be notified until the circumstances have been discussed with the Director or in his absence, DDCI, DD/I or AD/CI. This lead to a discussion as to who in the Agency should be first notified. No decision made. ACTION: 1) DDCI to take up with DD/I and AD/CI and furnish recommendations to the Director; 2) AD/CI to discuss White House notification with General Goodpaster and advise him that we would prefer to make a brief analysis of these alerts before he is notified. 25X1

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Noted that plans are going ahead for celebrating the Agency's Tenth Anniversary in September of this year and recommended that some type of an award be given to those employees with over ten years' service. The Director thought this a good idea and asked it be given consideration.

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